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SUBJECT: DETAINEES

1. IN THE CONTEXT OF PLANNING FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, ONGOING BASE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE MARK-UP THIS WEEK BY CONGRESS OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL, YOU SHOULD CALL UPON ENRILE AND RAISE WITH HIM BOTH THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE QUESTION OF GOP INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE UNSUCCESSFUL LABAN CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED OR WHO ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR IMPRISONMENT.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO PASS ENRILE DIRECTLY A COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE ON BASES AS A MEANS OF ELICITING HIS CURRENT THINKING ON THAT ISSUE PRIOR TO THE VP VISIT. THIS SHOULD BE THE GIVEN REASON FOR YOUR CALL ON HIM.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL ENRILE THAT THERE IS A HIGH
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LEVEL OF CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF THE INDIVIDUALS IMPRISONED OR SOUGHT AFTER THE ELECTIONS. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ANSWER QUERIES SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFERING REPORTS AS TO THEIR FATE. WE NOTED MARCOS' STATEMENTS TO PRESS THAT AT LEAST SOME CASES MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED TO CIVILIAN COURTS WHERE THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO FREE ON BAIL. THIS ISSUE WILL HAVE AN

EFFECT ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES IMPORTANT TO THE
OVERALL US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS AS WELL AS SPECIFIC
ISSUES, SOMETHING ENRILE SHOULD UNDERSTAND. VANCE

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